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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-855O, CMS-10438 and CMS-10439]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; the accuracy of the estimated burden; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by **Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register**:

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. Electronically. You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

Division of Regulations Development

Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number \_\_\_\_\_

Room C4-26-05

7500 Security Boulevard

Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web Site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.
2. E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov).
3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see ADDRESSES).

CMS-8550 Medicare Registration Application

CMS-10438 Data Collection to Support Eligibility Determinations and Enrollment for Employees  
in the Small Business Health Options Program

CMS-10439 Data Collection to Support Eligibility Determinations and Enrollment for Employers  
in the Small Business Health Options Program

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection; Title of Information Collection: Medicare Registration Application; Use: The primary function of the CMS-8550 is to gather information from a physician or other eligible professional to help CMS determine whether he or she meets certain qualifications to be enrolled in the Medicare program for the sole purpose of ordering or certifying certain Medicare items or services and/or prescribing Medicare Part D drugs for Medicare beneficiaries. The application allows a physician or other eligible professional to enroll in Medicare without being approved for billing privileges. The required information is submitted when the applicant requests enrollment in Medicare for the sole purpose of ordering and certifying certain Medicare items and services or for prescribing Medicare

Part D drugs. The application is used by Medicare contractors to collect data to help ensure that the applicant has the necessary credentials to order and certify certain Medicare items and services or to prescribe Medicare Part D drugs. This includes ensuring that the physician is not excluded debarred from the Medicare program. Form Number: CMS-855O (OMB Control Number: 0938-1135); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: Private Sector (Business or other for-profits), State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 448,000; Number of Responses: 24,000; Total Annual Hours: 243,600. (For questions regarding this collection contact Kimberly McPhillips (410)786-8438.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection; Title of Information Collection: Data Collection to Support Eligibility Determinations and Enrollment for Employees in the Small Business Health Options Program; Use: Section 1311(b)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act directs that the SHOP assist qualified small employers in facilitating the enrollment of their employees in QHPs offered in the small group market. Section 1311(c)(1)(F) of the Affordable Care Act directs HHS to establish criteria for certification of health plans as QHPs and plans to utilize a uniform enrollment form for qualified employers. Further, section 1311(c)(5)(B) directs HHS to develop a web site that assists employers in determining if they are eligible to participate in SHOP. Form Number: CMS-10438 (OMB Control Number: 0938-1194); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Private Sector; Number of Respondents: 60,000; Number of Responses: 60,000; Total Annual Hours: 60,000. (For questions regarding this collection contact Christelle Jang at (410) 786-8438.)

3. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection; Title of Information Collection: Data Collection to Support Eligibility Determinations and Enrollment for Employers in the Small Business Health Options Program; Use: Section

1311(b)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act directs that the SHOP assist qualified small employers in facilitating the enrollment of their employees in QHPs offered in the small group market. Section 1311(c)(1)(F) of the Affordable Care Act directs HHS to establish criteria for certification of health plans as QHPs and plans to utilize a uniform enrollment form for qualified employers. Further, section 1311(c)(5)(B) directs HHS to develop a web site that assists employers in determining if they are eligible to participate in SHOP. Form Number: CMS-10439 (OMB Control Number: 0938-1139); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Private Sector; Number of Respondents: 6,000; Number of Responses: 6,000; Total Annual Hours: 12,000. (For questions regarding this collection contact Christelle Jang at (410)786-8438.)

Dated: December 8, 2015

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